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1. "LILY's" INFORMATION ABOUT "SPIDER"
2. REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT "PA".

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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4 Jan. 45

To VIKTOR. [1]

According to LILY's [LILIYA] [ii] information, which needs checking, Lieutenant-General A. IGNAT'EV [iii] is one of SPIDER's [PAUK] [iv] connections. SPIDER often visits BENJAMIN [v] (who is to leave for the Soviet Union on the 8th of January) and has already handed him a letter to pass on to IGNAT'EV. SPIDER is said to have drafted telegrams to THEOPHILUS [vi] for BENJAMIN. Measures are being taken to clarify the situation.

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Please expedite checking and telegraph your instructions about "PA" [vii] as he may be leaving. SERGEJ [viii] for the time being

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[Comments overleaf]

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Comments: [i] VECTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
 [ii] LILY : Possibly Eugenie OLKHINE
 [iii] IGAT'EV : Unidentified.
 [iv] SPIDER : Unidentified cover-name.
 [v] BENJAMIN : Metropolitan Benjamin J. FEDCHENKOFF, Head of the American-Russian Orthodox Church in NEW YORK.
 [vi] THEOPHILUS : Metropolitan THEOPHILUS of the American-Russian Orthodox Church in SAN FRANCISCO.
 [vii] PA : Richard Edward LAUTERBACH, reporter for "TIME" magazine.
 [viii] SERGEY : Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN, TASS representative in NEW YORK.

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